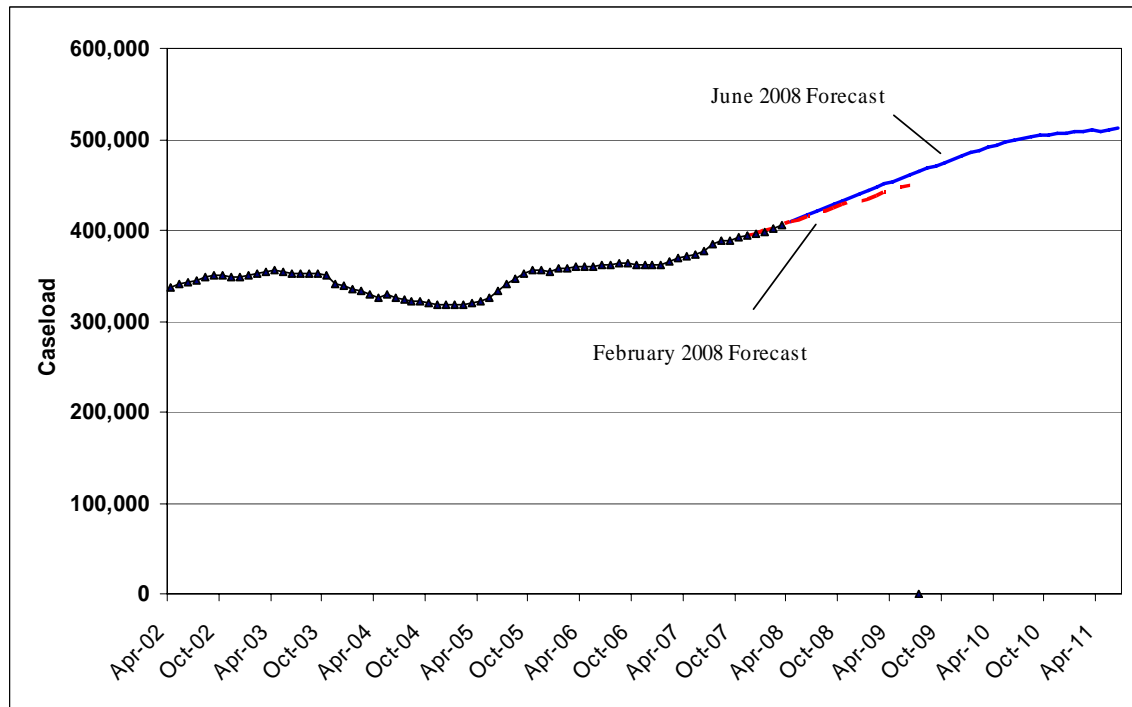


Health and Recovery Services Administration Children

Caseload Forecast Council
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Children



The Children's forecast is composed of three component forecasts: Categorically Needy (CN) Other Children, a Medicaid program for children below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), the State Children's Health Program (SCHIP) for children between 200 and 250% of the FPL, and the Children's Health Program (CHP), for non-citizen children below 250% of the FPL¹.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-08 Forecast	Jun-08 Forecast	Feb-to-Jun Difference	Percent Difference
2008	398,976	399,398	422	0.1%
2009	434,123	441,259	7,136	1.6%
2010		482,728		
2011		507,060		

The June forecast has been revised up from the February forecast mainly to account for faster than expected growth in the underlying trend forecast for CN Other Children. This trend forecast has not been fully updated since March 2007. The SCHIP forecast was revised down slightly, and the CHP program was revised up when the model was updated

¹ These programs cover children up to 300% of the FPL, subject to appropriation, beginning January 2009.

with new data. As of February, the CHP forecast was based on only four data points after policy changes were implemented in July 2007.

Tracking the Current Forecast

	Feb-08			
	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Nov-07	394,710	394,080	-630	-0.2%
Dec-07	395,660	395,584	-76	0.0%
Jan-08	399,136	398,536	-599	-0.2%
Feb-08	402,228	402,414	186	0.0%
Mar-08	406,170	406,596	426	0.1%

Within the Children's forecast group, the CN Other Children's program, which accounts for about 90 percent of the forecast group, has driven the variances. Although the variances appear relatively small, this is caused by offsetting growth in the variances. While the variances for CN Other Children and CHP have been growing in a positive direction, the SCHIP variance has been growing in a negative direction.

Medical Services for Children - Fiscal Year Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change		Caseload
2003-2004	-11,921	-3.4%	Actual	338,919
2004-2005	-16,698	-4.9%		322,222
2005-2006	32,862	10.2%		355,084
2006-2007	10,838	3.1%		365,922
2007-2008	33,477	9.1%	Forecast	399,398
2008-2009	41,860	10.5%		441,259
2009-2010	41,469	9.4%		482,728
2010-2011	24,332	5.0%		507,060

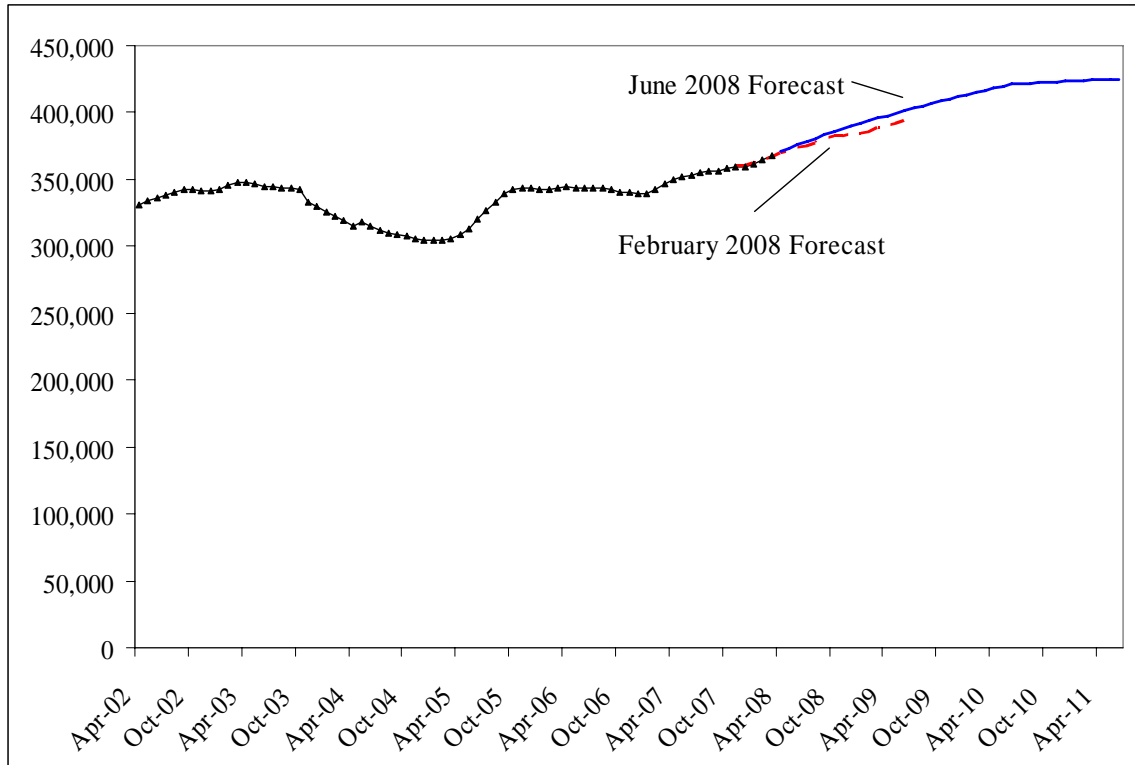
Growth in the near term is driven by the Cover All Children initiative. This influence is expected to level off in 2010, at which point growth is expected to start a return to more normal levels

Risks to the Forecast

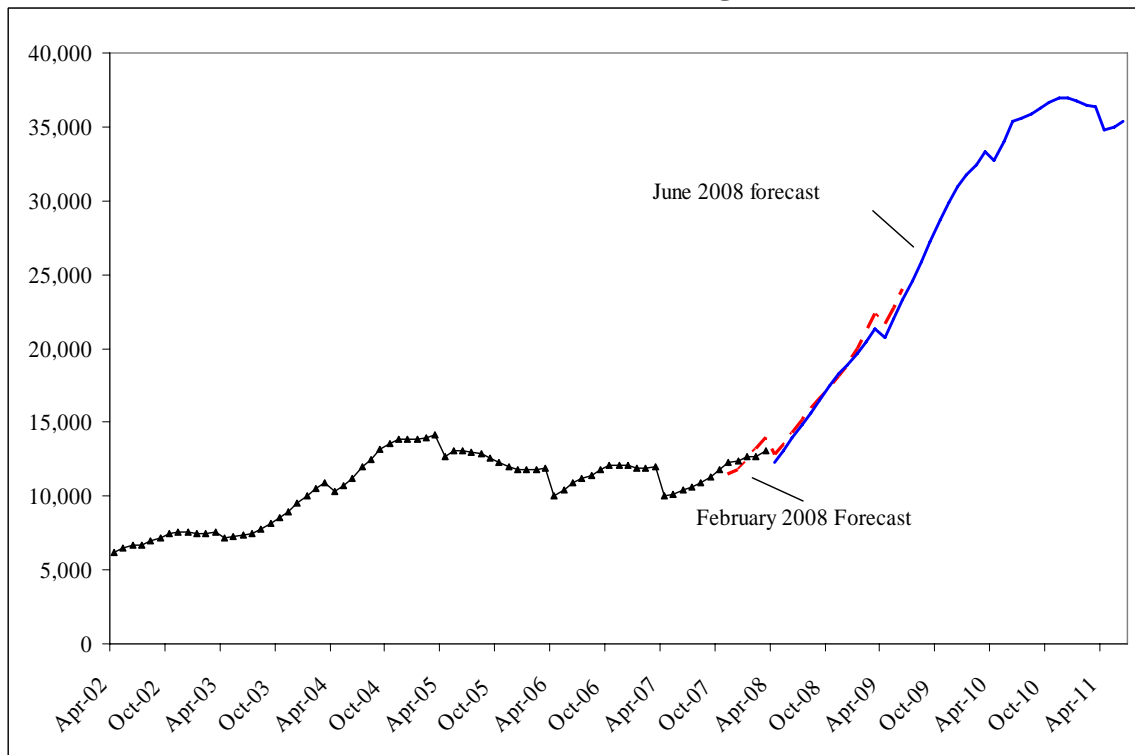
Risk to the Medical Services for Children forecast is high. Much of the forecasted growth in these programs is based on an expected response to outreach and documentation simplification initiatives that have not yet been fully implemented. The CN Family Medical and SCHIP increases were based on targets of reaching a certain percentage of eligible, but uninsured children.

It is especially difficult to find any verifiable data on the number of uninsured (documented or undocumented) immigrant children in Washington. Expected growth is, thus, based on an assumption that the current growth in the program will continue. As this program has probably still been in a ramp up phase, the risk is that we have over-forecast growth in the latter years of the Biennium.

CN Other Children



State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)



Children's Health Program (CHP)

